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Arrests through the Philadelphia Police Department's social media initiatives during the past two years. The department celebrated its 100th arrest through Internet outreach after the arrest yesterday of an alleged robber caught on surveillance cameras in South Philadelphia. There is a 39 percent chance that a suspect featured will be arrested if caught on camera and posted by police. METRO/AW

In the news

Fire safety in Council

A City Council committee will hold a hearing today reviewing the Philadelphia Fire Department's procedures and investigating the adequacy of the city's building safety and inspection policies in light of the deaths of Lt. Robert Neary and firefighter Daniel Sweeney during a Kensington warehouse fire in April. METRO/AW

▶ Page Gordon, aka 'Black Madam'

'Black Madam' held in butt implant death

Page Gordon, the self-described "Black Madam," was held for trial on murder and other charges yesterday in the death of a 20-year-old British woman who she allegedly injected with silicone during a botched procedure at an airport hotel.

Claudia Aderotimi died on Feb. 8, 2011, hours after reportedly receiving the injections from Gordon at the Hampton Inn and complaining of chest pains. The Delaware County Medical Examiner's Office ruled the case a homicide after toxicology tests revealed Aderotimi had an industrial-grade silicone in her system, which spread to her lungs, ultimately killing her.

Theresa Gymfi, 22, a longtime friend of Aderotimi's, testified that she traveled with Aderotimi for the injections in November 2010 and then again in February 2011. Gymfi said the woman who arranged for the procedure to be done at the hotel told them it would be performed by a woman named Lillian who was a nurse practitioner.

Gymfi testified that shortly after the second procedure Aderotimi began having chest pains and was taken to Mercy Fitzgerald Hospital, where she died hours later. METRO/SDL

In the news

RIKARD LARMA/METRO

▶ Temple University

Official: Building rules ignored in North Philly

NORTH PHILADELPHIA. In the midst of a development boom in North Central Philadelphia, where demand for Temple University student housing is high and parcel prices are low, contractors are flouting construction regulations and steamrolling over residents, according to City Controller Alan Butkovitz.

Two of the most egregious problems, Butkovitz said, are illegal short dumping in vacant lots near building sites and a lack of city code enforcement. METRO/AW

Student plans transfer after Romney flap

PORT RICHMOND. The Charles Carroll High School student who made national headlines after a popular teacher compared a Mitt Romney campaign T-shirt she was wearing to one promoting the KKK told reporters yesterday that she plans to transfer.

Samantha Pawlucy, 16, reportedly doesn't feel comfortable at the school after she was embarrassed by the teacher, then bullied by fellow students. The teacher who originally criticized Pawlucy's choice of clothing is still on leave. METRO/AW

Sick, yet forced to serve food in Philly eateries

From paid sick time or health care to decent work environments, workers overwhelmingly lack benefits ◐ Restaurant lobby suspect push for unions

Two out of every three restaurant workers in Philadelphia reported handling food while sick, according to a study released yesterday that is highly critical of the industry. The report, published by the Restaurant Opportunities Center United in conjunction with two other groups, says that 93 percent of restaurant workers do not have paid sick leave, causing many of them to work while they are ill. It also concludes that more than 90 percent of workers lack health benefits and that there are wage disparities among demographics.

"Of all employment groups, restaurant workers coming in sick makes the least sense because the danger of spreading it widely is much more likely," said City Councilman Bill Greenlee, who co-sponsored legislation that would have required most employers to provide paid sick time. The legislation was vetoed by Mayor Michael Nutter.

The restaurant association disagreed with the report, claiming it is an effort to help organize workers.

"This group has formed chapters in other cities and they come out with virtually the same report," said Patrick Conroy, president and CEO of the Pennsylvania Restaurant and Lodging Association.

Yet some workers claim the report is right on target. Jason, a local restaurant worker who declined to give his last name, said he has worked in the industry for 15 years. He said he has never received paid sick days or medical benefits.

Greenlee said he plans to reintroduce the paid sick leave legislation and hopes the report highlights the "unfair" conditions workers face.

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▶ Restaurant chefs and cooks have lots of horror stories.

Stabbed by an oyster knife

One restaurant worker, who asked that his name be withheld, has worked in the industry for eight years and said employees often are victims of verbal and physical abuse.

"I've had people throw things at me, flip my entire work station. I got stabbed in the hand with a oyster knife by an owner," he said.

The 27-year-old, who is currently a line cook, said he believes much of the belligerence is a result of alcohol and drug abuse.

Most of the incidents, he said, go unreported.

"It's not behind closed doors. It's usually in the middle of the kitchen with 15 to 20 people seeing it happen. You don't really report things like that," he said. "There's really no one to report it to. Most restaurants don't have [human resources]."

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Number of workers surveyed in the report. It is based on in-depth interviews with 30 workers and 30 employers.

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Estimated total revenue in 2007 from Philadelphia restaurants, which employ more than 113,000 workers in about 12,000 establishments

11%
Decrease in average annual wages for restaurant workers between 2001 and 2011

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Charges for buyer of gun in cop death

Montgomery County District Attorney Risa Vetri Ferman yesterday charged Philadelphia man Michael Henry with straw purchasing nine handguns for Andrew Thomas, who then used one of those guns — a Beretta 9 mm — to fatally shoot Plymouth Township Officer Brad Fox on Sept. 13 before committing suicide.

Investigators said they identified Henry, 30, of the 900 block of North 41st Street in the Belmont section of West Philadelphia, after recovering the gun found near the two men's bodies, which, police say, was purchased May 30 and registered to Henry.

Authorities said Henry, who met Thomas in April, has admitted to purchasing seven handguns and two rifles between April 10 and July 31 at In Site Firearms in Montgomery County and French Creek Outfitters in Chester County. Each time, officials said, he handed the weapon over to Thomas in the stores' parking lots in return for reimbursement, plus a $500 payment.

Henry was arraigned at 1 p.m. yesterday and charged with nine felonies relating to the illegal sale of firearms and giving false statements to authorities.

His bail was set at $1 million and he is next due in court for a preliminary hearing on Tuesday. Henry reportedly told investigators that Thomas said that he wasn't going back to jail and would shoot a cop if he was stopped by police.

At the time of Fox's death, Thomas was on probation after pleading guilty in May to forgery for using $140 worth of counterfeit Acme gift certificates and could not legally buy a weapon.

He was also named as the prime suspect in the 1999 disappearance of his fiancee, Maria Procopio, in South Philadelphia, but was never charged in connection with that case. Though police recovered the gun used in Fox's slaying, the eight other firearms Henry allegedly bought are still on the street. Investigators said they are aggressively trying to locate them.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY DA

▶ Michael Henry

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Ferman released a list of aliases Thomas used in the hopes that someone who recognizes a name might come forward with more information regarding the location of his other weapons. They include Michael Sexton, Ronald W. Blackshear, Gary Murray, Howard Bettey, Robert P. Diggans, Eric T. Piggans, Raymond Sellinger and Jeremiah G. Hough.

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Newspapers. Strike possible

▶ The president of the newspapers' drivers' union, John Laigaie, told Metro yesterday that the papers' owners are targeting every contract gain made by workers in the last three decades.

RIKARD LARMA/METRO

Strike authorization vote scheduled for Sunday

In the wake of their contract expiring at midnight Monday, Teamsters Local 628, which represents 400 full-time Philadelphia Inquirer and Daily News delivery truck drivers, is holding a strike authorization vote Sunday. Though the union's president does not expect to strike this weekend, he is not optimistic that the two sides will reach a satisfactory agreement. "I've been doing this a long time here, and this is the least optimistic I've ever been." METRO

Fiscal cliff's 'stark' impact: GDP drop

The budgetary cocktail of tax and spending cuts looming at year's end, the so-called "fiscal cliff," could have a serious impact on the economy "unless lawmakers reach a compromise to extend some or all of the temporary tax cuts and postpone mandatory spending cuts."

So writes Joseph Brusuelas, a Bloomberg economist who reports a potential "hit" to the economy of 4 percent in Gross Domestic Product.

"The economic impact of permitting the combined tax and spending measures to expire is stark," he writes in a special Bloomberg Economic Brief.

The gross budgetary impact of inaction is about $607 billion, Brusuelas reports. After lower spending on debt is taken into account, net impact is roughly $560 billion.

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ESTIMATED IMPACT OF 'FISCAL CLIFF'

The confluences of $607 billion in expiring tax and expenditure policies known as the "fiscal cliff" are set to take effect at the end of the year. It could cause an estimated 4 percent drop in Gross Domestic Product unless lawmakers reach a compromise to extend tax cuts and postpone mandatory spending cuts.

Tax changes
(IN BILLIONS)

- Bush tax cuts: -$221
- Two percent cut in payroll tax: -$95
- Partial expensing of investment: -$65
- Tax provisions: Affordable Health Care Act: -$18
- **Impact of tax changes: -$400**
- Gross impact on spending changes: -$607
- Less secondary effects on economy: $47
- Net impact of fiscal deficit: -$65
- Potential hit on GDP: $4

Spending changes
(IN BILLIONS)

- Automatic sequestration: -$65
- Expiration of emergency unemployment benefits: -$26
- Schedule reduction in Medicare rates: -$11
- Other revenue increasing/spending reductions: -$105
- **Impact of spending changes: -$400**

—Source: Congressional Budget Office

Facebook fought SEC to keep mobile risks hidden before IPO

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▶ The issue of mobile users is even more relevant today.

When Facebook filed its proposal Feb. 1 to go public, it touted the effectiveness of ads linked to customers' friends, citing research from Nielsen, the audience-counting company.

Barbara Jacobs of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission was skeptical as she vetted the filing to ensure Facebook had disclosed all material information to investors. The claim appeared to be drawn from marketing materials, not a Nielsen study, she wrote. Facebook dropped the reference after initial resistance.

A dozen letters, published a month after the May 17 IPO on the SEC's website, depict a management team hesitant to disclose information and still guessing at even rudimentary aspects of its business just weeks before the company held the largest-ever technology initial public offering. Many of the issues raised by the SEC and now unnerving investors were foreshadowed in the then-private correspondence between the SEC and Facebook.

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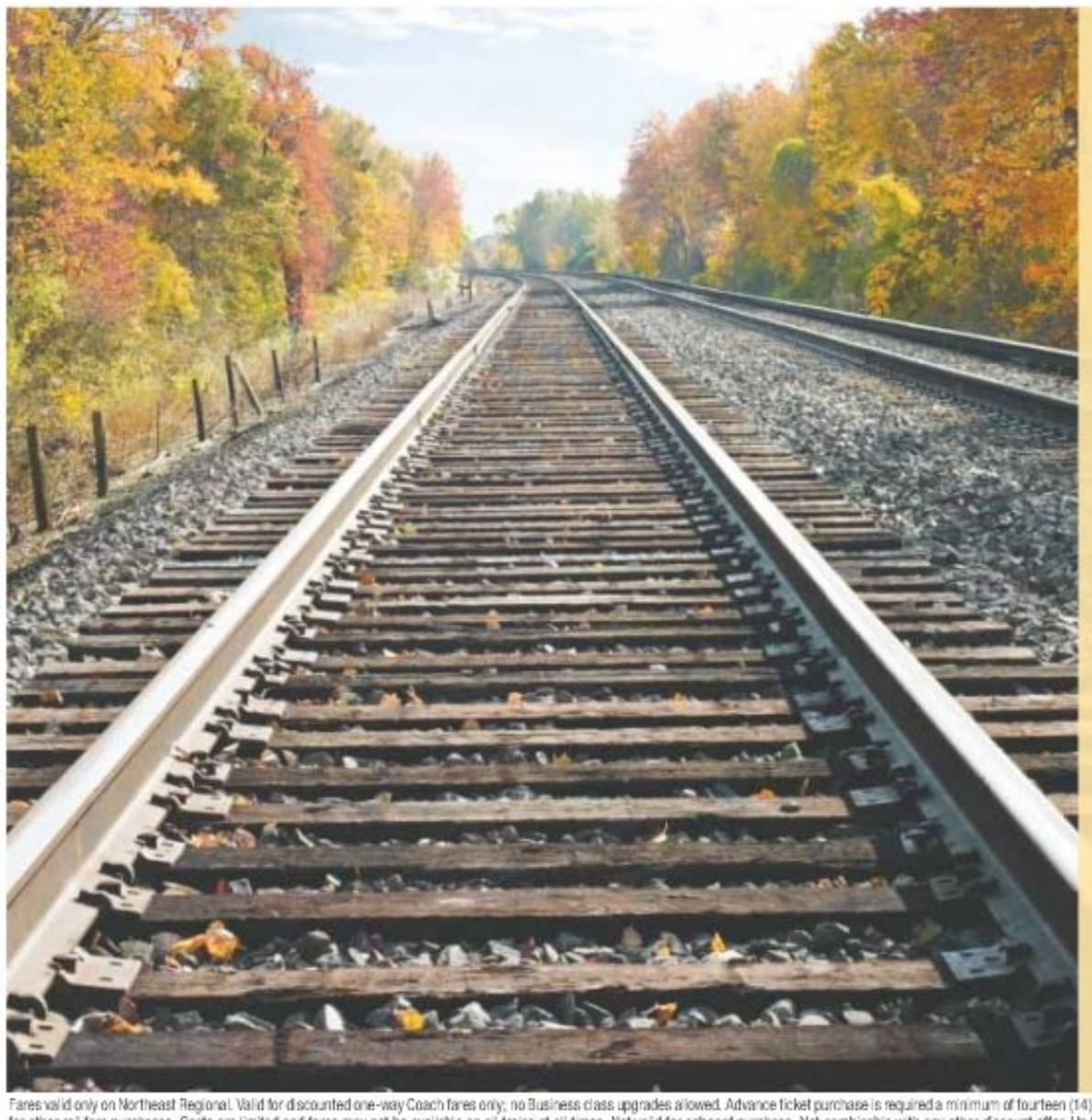
Profiting from mobile users?

On the most critical issue facing Facebook's future as a public company, whether it could make money from the soaring number of mobile users, the letters show executives holding back crucial details until the SEC pushed for further disclosure.

Noting that Facebook was counting some mobile users twice, Jacobs wrote on March 22: "Please explain to us how you determined that your metrics are not overstated."

Only eight days before the IPO, on May 9, did Facebook make clear in a filing that daily mobile customers were increasing faster than advertising growth, potentially hurting revenue and profits. It was the strongest public signal that the IPO could fall short of its high expectations. BLOOMBERG



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In the news

Americans win Nobel for cell receptor research

STOCKHOLM. Two American scientists won the 2012 Nobel Prize for chemistry yesterday for research into how cells respond to external stimuli that is helping to develop better drugs to fight diseases such as diabetes, cancer and depression.

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▶ Lefkowitz

The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences said the 8 million crown ($1.2 million) prize went to Robert Lefkowitz, 69, and Brian Kobilka, 57, for discovering the inner workings of G-protein-coupled receptors, which allow cells to respond to chemical messages such as adrenaline rushes. **REUTERS**

Lance's legacy shattered after damning report

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▶ Evidence amassed in this investigation demonstrated that the "code of silence" regarding drug use has been shattered.

Lance Armstrong and his team ran the most sophisticated doping program in sport, according to the United States Anti-Doping Agency which released its report on the case against the U.S. Postal cycling team yesterday.

USADA said it was sending the report, which was more than 1,000 pages long and contained the sworn testimony of 26 people, including 15 riders, to the International Cycling Union, the World Anti-Doping Agency and the World Triathlon Corporation, before making it available on its website.

"The evidence shows beyond any doubt that the US Postal Service Pro Cycling Team ran the most sophisticated, professionalized and successful doping program that sport has ever seen," USADA said in a statement from chief executive Travis Tygart.

The case against Armstrong and his team included eyewitness, documentary, first-hand, scientific, direct and circumstantial evidence. **REUTERS**

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Several former teammates have already spoken out publicly against Armstrong, but USADA named all 11 for the first time yesterday

"The evidence also includes direct documentary evidence including financial payments, e-mails, scientific data and laboratory test results that further prove the use, possession and distribution of performance-enhancing drugs by Lance Armstrong."

TRAVIS TYGART, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF USADA

In the news

JPMorgan has lost up to $10 billion on Bear Stearns buy

WASHINGTON. JPMorgan Chase & Co. Chief Executive Jamie Dimon said his company has lost up to $10 billion as a result of the government asking him to buy teetering Wall Street firm Bear Stearns during the financial crisis.

"I'm going to say we've lost $5 billion to $10 billion on various things related to Bear Stearns now. And yes, I put it in the unfair category," Dimon said at a Council on Foreign Relations event.

Last week, JPMorgan was hit with a fresh civil lawsuit from the New York attorney general, seeking to hold the bank accountable for allegations that Bear Stearns deceived investors buying mortgage-backed securities. **REUTERS**

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Anti-European tide sets Britain against Brussels

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▶ Protests outside the Conservative Party conference at the International Convention Centre.

A bloodied figure climbed out of a coffin and lurched across the square screaming at passers-by, as three pale-faced women dressed as witches squawked and wailed.

Welcome to this year's conference of Britain's ruling Conservative Party, where hostility toward the European Union and toward the euro currency has reached new heights.

There is a tradition of resentment of Brussels, dating back to the era of Margaret Thatcher, who demanded and secured a rebate from the EU budget for Britain in the 1980s. Back in 1967, French President Charles de Gaulle accused Britain of a "deep-seated hostility" toward the European project.

The strength of feeling today reflects a growing anti-Europe sentiment among a British public that is often ignorant of the fact the continent accounts for around half Britain's trade and is swayed by a government and media that routinely blame the euro zone for Britain's economic ills.

The mood is forcing policy changes on Prime Minister David Cameron's government, already behind in opinion polls. **REUTERS**

Protest chants

- "We are the zombie euro-zone economies."
- "We are the walking dead. We are Greece, Spain and Ireland. Give us trillions, sir, of your money to help us. Do you feel the contagion? Do you feel the disease?"

In the news

Turkey detains Syrian plane as tension heightens

DAMASCUS. Turkey scrambled fighters and briefly detained a Syrian passenger plane on Wednesday, suspecting it of carrying military equipment from Moscow, while Turkey's military chief warned of a more forceful response if shelling continued to spill over the border.

Military jets escorted the Damascus-bound Airbus A-320, carrying around 30 passengers, into the airport in Ankara hours after Turkey's chief of staff said his troops would respond with greater force if bombardments from Syria kept hitting Turkish territory, Turkish state-run television said.

The conflict threatens to spill over Syria's borders and ignite a wider Middle Eastern war, drawing in neighboring states and pitting Sunni states against Syria's rulers and allies like Shi'ite Iran. More than 18 months into the battle for Syria, an estimated 30,000 people are dead and the country is disintegrating. **REUTERS**

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In the news

Romney won't pursue new abortion laws

Republican presidential nominee Mitt Romney, in an apparent fresh move toward the political center, said on Tuesday if elected he would not pursue specific legislation targeting abortion.

Romney's comment could be construed as reassuring some women voters who have had reservations about his candidacy. In recent weeks he has taken some steps toward the political center as he tries to attract independent voters before the Nov. 6 election.

Some conservatives would like legislation aimed at limiting abortions, which were legalized in the U.S. Supreme Court's landmark 1973 Roe v. Wade ruling. **REUTERS**

Quoted

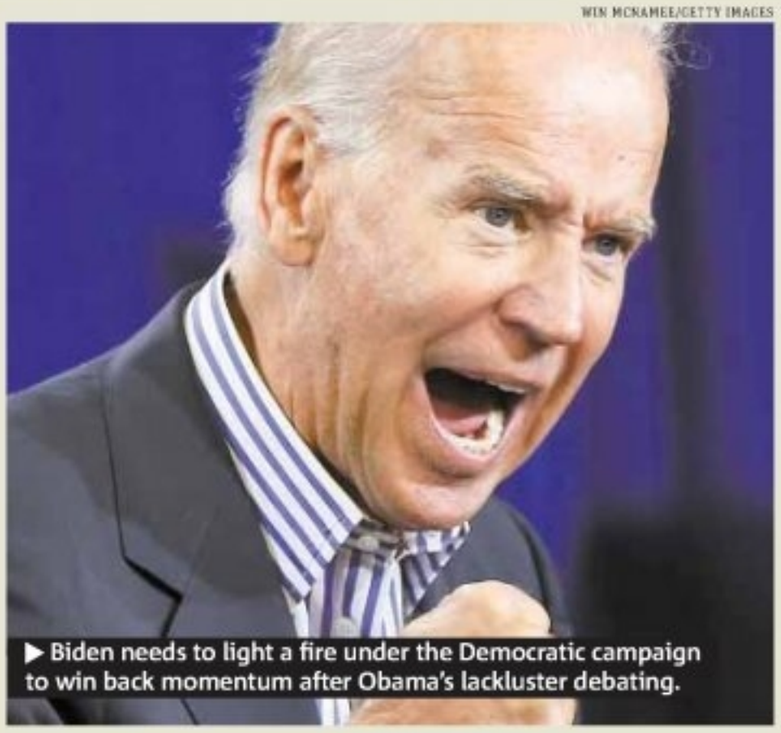
"There's no legislation with regards to abortion that I'm familiar with that would become part of my agenda."
ROMNEY

Pressure is on Biden to avoid foot-in-mouth debate moment

He has been stereotyped as the Obama administration's gaffe-prone sideshow.

But Vice President Joe Biden also is a veteran debater who was in the U.S. Senate for a quarter century and is perhaps the Democratic White House's most passionate defender of the working class.

Now, with his debate against Paul Ryan coming up tonight, Biden is under pressure to help President Barack Obama's campaign recapture the momentum it enjoyed before Obama was outmaneuvered by Republican rival Mitt Romney last week in the first of their three debates. With the Romney-Ryan campaign energized, Democrats are in the surprising position of relying on Biden, a perpetual political wild card, to fire up their campaign. **REUTERS**



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▶ Biden needs to light a fire under the Democratic campaign to win back momentum after Obama's lackluster debating.

The heat is on

It will be up to Biden, far more comfortable than Obama in the role of aggressor, to fill in the blanks on what Democrats say are Romney's shifting positions.

Biden could be well suited to the role. He was a sharper performer than Obama when they debated as presidential candidates during the 2008 Democratic primaries. The former Delaware senator's blunt talking style makes him a particularly effective communicator with blue-collar voters. Biden said he had been studying Republican campaign positions and promised to hold Ryan accountable while sticking to the facts. **REUTERS**

A tale of two Ryans

Will he be a budget hawk ...

Ryan made a name for himself as a bold fiscal crusader willing to make big cuts.

Congressman Paul Ryan made a name for himself in Congress by being willing to make unpopular cuts to entitlements to get finances in order. But since becoming Romney's running mate, Ryan has become more prudent, avoiding detailed discussion of his plan and earning the nickname "mini-Mitt" for displaying a cautious streak like his boss. **REUTERS**

"You have to remember ... there's one presidential candidate. There's one person at the top of the ticket."
SPOKESMAN KEVIN MADDEN

Or yield to popular demand?

He's played it safe and followed Romney's lead since joining the campaign.

Five things to watch

Vice presidential debates usually don't matter much, but today's showdown between Democratic incumbent Joe Biden and Republican challenger Paul Ryan could be an exception.

1. **Fireworks:** Biden and Ryan have shown a greater willingness to mix it up than their buttoned-down bosses, and both seem comfortable playing the traditional vice presidential role of attack dog.
2. **Liar, liar:** Democrats feel that Obama let too many of Romney's assertions on taxes, health care and other topics go unchallenged during the first debate. Biden has said he won't let any questionable claims go undisputed.
3. **Medicare:** Ryan built his reputation on a proposal that would partially privatize Medicare. Expect Biden to come out swinging on that one.
4. **Foreign policy:** Ryan will be well-briefed on the ins and outs of foreign affairs. But in Biden, he'll be facing a former chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.
5. **Four years later:** Both men have a strong chance of being considered for nomination to the nation's highest office in 2016. **REUTERS**

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EXPANSION: TO COMPANY WAISTLINES

The Romney-Ryan campaign has trotted out the same tired old jobs program that Republicans have been pushing for decades — cut taxes on businesses and they'll use the extra money to hire more people. We heard this in last week's debate, when Mitt Romney argued that "if we lower that rate, they will be able to hire more people." Disturbingly, instead of refuting this fairy tale, President Obama responded by championing all the ways he has already cut taxes on businesses, implicitly conceding that tax cuts do create jobs.

But tax cuts don't create jobs — at least, not in this economy. The dirty secret of the "tax cuts equal jobs" argument is that it assumes that whenever a business gets extra money, it will use it to expand. After all, expanding is how businesses can afford to hire new people.

However, a business can only expand when it anticipates more sales. If we had an economy where wages were increasing, unemployment was low and people weren't saddled with debt, it would make sense to expand and try to sell more people more stuff. But in this economy, where wages have shrunk, unemployment is high and poverty has skyrocketed to a 52-year record, people simply can't afford to buy more stuff, no matter how many people you hire to try and sell it.

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Meanwhile, corporate profits this year were nearly $2 trillion — higher than they've ever been, and more than double what they were a decade ago. At the same time, those same corporations have hoarded $2.2 trillion worth of cash in their corporate treasuries. In other words, corporations are just sitting on more than a year's worth of profits. If businesses have all this extra money, why aren't they expanding, and what good would it do to give them even more money to hoard from tax cuts?

When small businesses were asked in a Gallup poll earlier this year to give the reasons why they weren't hiring, 71 percent said that sales don't justify adding employees, while only 46 percent cited taxes and regulations.

Clearly, the way to get businesses hiring is not to syphon even more money out of the economy and into corporate vaults; it's to stimulate demand.

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THE WORD

Metro's **Dorothy Robinson** shares her take on the world of gossip @dorothyatmetro dorothy.robinson@metro.us

On the menu: Diet moose meat

The increasingly plastic **Sarah Palin** is writing a diet and fitness book, according to an e-mail she sent People. "Our family is writing a book on fitness and self-discipline focusing on where we get our energy and balance as we still eat our beloved homemade comfort foods!" she wrote.

The e-mail seems slightly fishy; Palin never confirmed which publishing house is publishing the book and when it will be out on the shelves. "We promise you what we do works and allows a fulfilling quality of life and sustenance anyone can enjoy," she wrote.

Interesting, because in 2010 Palin attacked First Lady **Michelle Obama**'s Let's Move! campaign on **Laura Ingraham**'s radio show. "Take her anti-obesity thing that she is on," Palin said. "She is on this kick. What she is telling us is she cannot trust parents to make decisions for their own children, for their own families, in what we should eat," she said.

And Sarah Palin's slow transformation from a political heavyweight into a Real Housewife continues.

NBC PICTURES

▶ "Stars Earn Stripes" cast member Todd Palin is joined by Sarah Palin at NBC's TCA Party in July.

Beyonce drops out of Eastwood film

Beyonce has decided to bow out of **Clint Eastwood**'s long-planned remake of "A Star is Born," according to E! News. "I was looking forward to the production of 'A Star is Born' and the opportunity to work with Clint Eastwood," the singer says. "For months we tried to coordinate our schedules to bring this remake to life, but it was just not possible. Hopefully in the future we will get a chance to work together."

You kind of feel like Beyonce is leaving something out in this press release. "I was looking forward to the opportunity to work with Clint Eastwood ... before he went rogue on an empty chair during the Republican National Convention. Now, I'm scared."

Beyonce

Talking points

Pitt puts family first

Before **Brad Pitt** signs up for a role, he has to get the idea past a particularly tough panel of judges: **Angelina Jolie** and their six children. "I want it to be worthy enough of a story to leave the family, you know? They're everything. The family is first," Pitt tells Guy Ritchie in a chat for Interview magazine. "I also don't want to embarrass them." He also plans on taking more time off between roles going forward. "I'm not good at going back-to-back-to-back-to-back with movies, and it's just now that I'm starting to get my bearings again and a flavor for what's next," he says. "It's just about discovery now and finding something new that's interesting to me."

▶ What Angelina Jolie says, goes.

Jackson's lawyers go after Vanity Fair

Janet Jackson's lawyer is calling foul on a Vanity Fair article that claims she delayed brother **Michael Jackson**'s funeral until she was reimbursed the $40,000 deposit she'd put down to secure his burial plot, according to Us Weekly. Jackson's lawyer, **Blair G. Brown**, calls the story "false and defamatory" in a letter to the magazine. "Ms. Jackson never delayed the funeral in any way, " Brown writes. "To falsely accuse Ms. Jackson of holding up her brother's funeral over money is outrageous. This story is particularly hurtful and distressing because of Ms. Jackson's strong desire to serve her brother, whom she loved dearly, and her wish to stand with and support her family."

▶ Styles

Styles isn't a womanizer, but is flirty

One Direction's **Harry Styles** is settling into his heartthrob status, admitting that he's "quite flirty" in an interview with Seventeen magazine. "Maybe [I'm] too flirty. I'm an 18-year-old boy, and I like to have fun," he admits, though he draws the line at being described as girl-crazy. "I wouldn't say girl-crazy, because that makes me sound like a bit of a womanizer."

The feed ...

▶ Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Today, Goldie Hawn had an unexpected houseguest, Jonah Hill doesn't feel too proper, Seth MacFarlane is up on pop culture and Conan O'Brien just wants it to end.

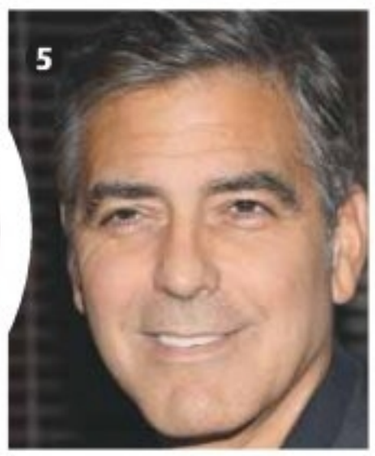
@goldiehawn
A 350 lbs Bear broke in2 our house, emptied the fridge, destroyed kitchen left a lovely present on the floor and took off! Would've made Him dinner and given him a doggy bag!

@JonahHill
I might be the least British person alive.

@SethMacFarlane
I'm a fan of all Margaret Cho's work, but I think Gangnam Style might be the coolest thing she's ever done.

@ConanOBrien
I'm in London right now. You won't believe this, but there's still a few minutes left in the Olympic closing ceremonies.

O'Brien



Men (and two women) in black

1 Tim Burton posed at the "Frankenweenie" photocall on Wednesday in London.

2 Rose Byrne attended the celebration of Chanel Fine Jewelry's 80th anniversary of the "Bijoux De Diamants" collection created by Gabrielle Chanel on Tuesday in New York City.

3 Kevin James attended the "Here Comes The Boom" premiere at AMC Loews Lincoln Square on Tuesday in New York.

4 Ricky Gervais was snapped in London on Wednesday.

5 George Clooney attended the "Argo" screening on Tuesday in New York City.

6 John Paul Jones and **Jason Bonham** attended the afterparty for "Led Zeppelin: Celebration Day" at Monkey Bar on Tuesday in New York City.

7 Grace Gummer also showed up at the "Argo" screening.

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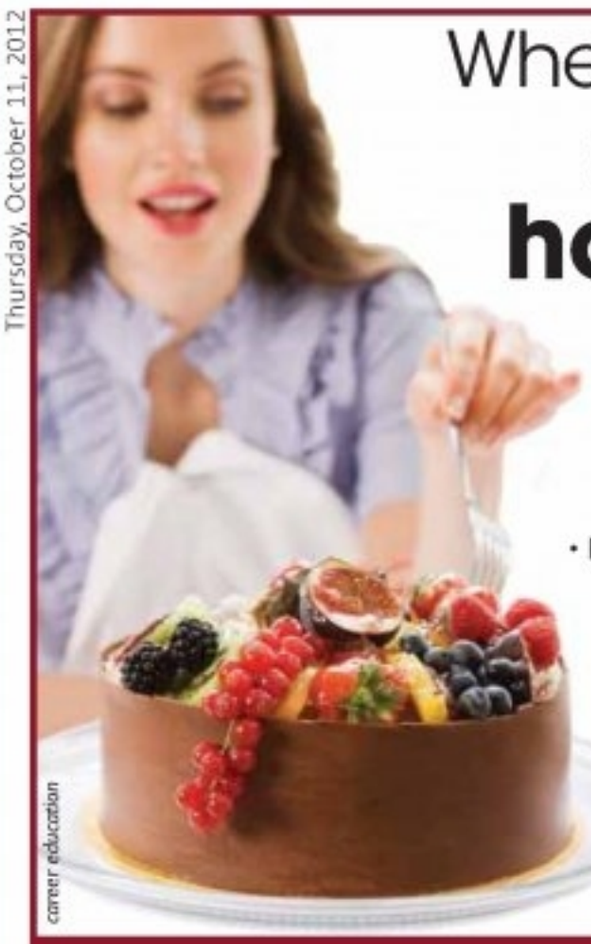

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PAULA LOBO

▶ Lar Lubovitch wanted his dance company to act panicked — so he gave them something to panic about.

A new approach to crisis management

If the dancers of the Lar Lubovitch Dance Company seemed particularly convincing at portraying impending doom when the choreographer's latest piece, "Crisis Variations," premiered at the Baryshnikov Arts Center in New York City last year, there was a good reason. While they had rehearsed to the music of Franz Liszt, a few days prior to the premiere Lubovitch replaced the score with newly commissioned music by composer Yevgeniy Sharlat.

"We wanted to create a piece that had a genuine crisis within it," Lubovitch explains. "I thought replacing the music so late would jar the dancers' sense of security. It would cause them to react to a whole new sound, creating the pending possibility of catastrophe."

Far from catastrophic, the new piece was awarded the 2012 Prix Benois de la Danse for Choreography at the Bolshoi Theater in Moscow earlier this year, and will have its Philly premiere this weekend to open Dance Celebration's 30th anniversary season at the Annenberg Center. Also on the program will be the 1978 dance "North Star," the company's longtime signature piece set to music by Philip Glass; "Little Rhapsodies," with a trio of dancers responding emotionally to Schumann piano etudes; and a second Philly debut, "The Legend of Ten," an exploration of Brahms' music.

"The program represents a very diverse range of musical choices," Lubovitch says. "And each musical choice requires a very different physical response. I think it demonstrates an extremely wide and diverse range of dance language."

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Making it up as she goes along

Australian 'Pitch Perfect' star Rebel Wilson on American accents, mermaid dance moves and unintended costs of improvisation on the set

Rebel Wilson has fast been establishing herself as a bold comedic talent with a blisteringly fast mind for improvisation — but sometimes coming up with brilliant bits on the spot can have costly consequences. At least, that's what she found out on her latest film, "Pitch Perfect." Wilson stars as the self-branded Fat Amy, part of an all-girl a cappella group at a fictional southern college. During a scene in which she's showing off her "skills," Fat Amy engages in what she describes as Mermaid Dancing. The only problem was that the production team was not ready for the move.

"You know, that cost them a lot of money because they didn't know, obviously, I was going to go on the ground and start dancing," she explains. "You know when you're filming and you have the tape marks [on the ground], they're usually like fluorescent tape? They were all over the concrete. [Director] Jason [Moore] wanted to use it in the movie, but they had to digital effect the tape out of the shot to be able to use it. I think it cost them like thousands and thousands of dollars just to use that joke."

While Wilson is glad the bit made it into the movie, she doesn't particularly think the move itself will catch on with audiences. "I mean, the problem is like club floors, they're very disgusting," she says. "So imagine if it started becoming a club craze where people were doing Mermaid Dancing on the ground. It'd be really gross like, ugh, this slime all over."

As for incorporating improvisation into her work in "Pitch Perfect," the Australian scene-stealer had a pretty simple approach, she says: "My style is to see what she's got on the page and take that as a starting point and then just go, 'La la la la la' for as long as Jason will let me."

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REBEL WILSON, ON IMPROVISING SCENES HER DURING THE FILMING OF 'PITCH PERFECT'

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▶ Wilson sings, post-Mermaid Dance.

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Surprise!

As it turns out, Rebel Wilson had no trouble surprising Jason Moore. She had intended to play Fat Amy as an American, and had even auditioned with an American accent. But with the grueling rehearsal schedule, she found it too much to take.

"It was too exhausting so I started talking like [myself] and Jason Moore heard me," she remembers. "I didn't even know whether he knew I was Australian at first, and then he heard me talking and he's like, 'You've got to use that voice in the movie! You've got to!'"

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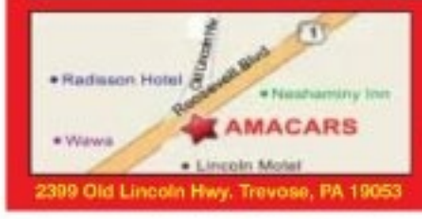

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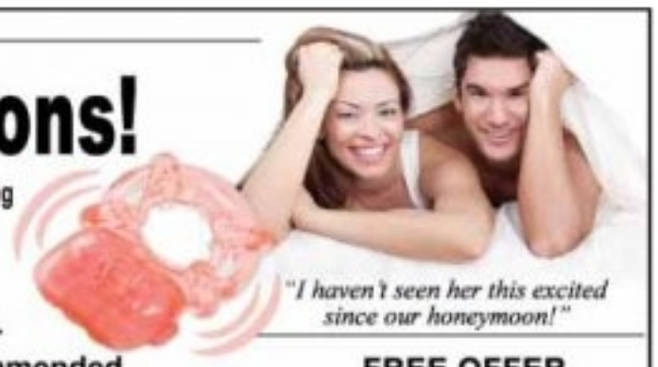

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5 TOP WEEKEND RELEASES

▶ Ben Affleck plays "ex-filtration" CIA operative Tony Mendez in "Argo."

1 'Argo'
Ben Affleck directs and stars in this engaging thriller about six American Foreign Service workers trapped in the home of a Canadian Ambassador during the 1979 Iranian hostage crisis. Affleck plays the "ex-filtrator" that hatches a long-shot plan to get them out.

2 'Seven Psychopaths'
An alcoholic screenwriter (Colin Farrell) doesn't have to look far for inspiration when penning a new film about seven deranged individuals, considering his best friend (Sam Rockwell) steals dogs for a living.

3 'Sinister'
Prepare to be spooked by this haunting tale about a crime writer who moves his family into the home that was the scene of gruesome family murders. The research soon becomes all too consuming.

4 'Here Comes the Boom'
Star Kevin James and director Frank Coraci, the pair that brought you 2011's "The Zookeeper," return with the story of a teacher (James) who attempts becoming a mixed martial arts specialist in order to raise money for his struggling school.

5 'Taken 2'
Liam Neeson, Maggie Grace and Famke Janssen return for a second installment in this Luc Besson franchise about an ex-CIA operative (Neeson) who comes out of retirement to save his child and ex-wife, who are abducted during a trip to Istanbul. METRO

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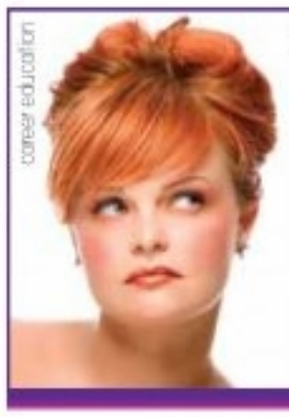

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We're loving designer Nanette Lepore's limited edition cat-eye sunglasses for the CFDA 2012 Design Series for Vogue Eyewear that will launch exclusively at Sunglass Hut next week. For her inspiration, Lepore looked to glamorous stars from the '20s and got some help from starlet Emma Roberts, her muse for the shades.

Keep it classic

- The white shirt is the stalwart of any man's wardrobe
- We highlight four styles for him to try out RICHARD PECKETT

Reiss Bar shirt, $160, www.reiss.com
Brioni pleated bib-front tuxedo shirt, $725, www.mrporter.com
Rake Lounge, Nehru collar Marcella shirt, $278, www.matchesfashion.com
Topman white best curve collar shirt, $52, www.topman.com

TV watch list

'Beauty and the Beast'

DRAMA. Kristin Kreuk stars as a cop whose life was saved by a mysterious stranger (Jay Ryan) who later reveals some shocking secrets — like the one about military experiments that have turned him into a Hulk-ish monster. **Series premiere, 9 p.m., The CW**

'It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia'

COMEDY. Dennis and Dee are two people who should never have say in the decision to end an ailing man's life — even if it is their Nazi grandfather on his deathbed. **Season premiere, 10 p.m., FX**

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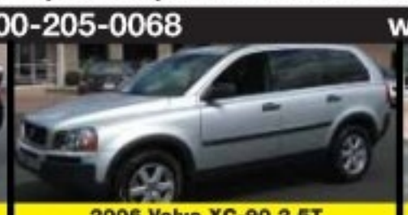
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Yes, it's OK to wish for a relationship

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▶ You don't have to be so blase about wanting a committed relationship.

We've come to approach "relationships" like they're four-letter words — we're so quick to tell people we don't want one. Complete independence seems to be our ultimate goal because, you know, who wants to be the loser that's actually looking for a relationship? If it happens "organically" (whatever that means) it's fine. But whether you're a guy or girl, actually seeking one out is entirely uncool.

It's funny we act this way, because this anti-relationship stance runs completely counter to our biology and everything we know about what makes us happy. Humans are deeply connected and interrelational beings. Darwin believed that our social nature is what allows us to thrive as a species. Study after study show that people are not only happier, but physically healthier and live longer if they're in relationships. Your risk of everything from depression to cancer to getting the flu is decreased significantly when there is a significant other in your life.

And yet, we find it so embarrassing, vulnerable and weak to admit that we want to have a relationship — when this is a totally normal and healthy thing to want. Having an "incapacity for love" and "impersonal sex life" are literally two of the 16 characteristics used to diagnose a psychopath. How did we get to this point of convincing ourselves that approaching romantic relationships like we're mentally ill was the "rational" thing to do? It's not. It undermines our happiness, and it completely denies the very essence of what separates us from lower animals — our ability to form deep romantic connections.

Your life isn't a rom-com, and being a commitment-phobe doesn't earn you bonus points anywhere. Sure, you can convince yourself that the excitement of casual sex and the ease of no strings attached relationships is enough to override your true biological urges. But in the end, the person you're screwing by doing this is yourself. We're all looking for relationships (or at least we should be). And maybe that feels like an uncool and pathetic thing to admit. But hey, at least we're all uncool and pathetic together.

*— **Amber Madison** is a Manhattan-based relationship expert and dating coach. She is the author of 'Are All Guys Assholes?' for which she traveled the country, spoke to over 1,000 men and discovered that the answer to this question is no. You can follow her on Twitter @ambermadi or online at www.ambermadisononline.com*

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America: Look out for those in need

Why do Americans believe that the rich and famous should be in charge of this great country? Former President George W. Bush gave huge tax breaks to the rich and it did absolutely nothing for the economy.

Why? Because this economy revolves around spending and the rich do not need to spend it — and if they do, do you think it will be on small businesses? Give the huge tax breaks to the lower income people who will spend it.

I always hear that health care will bankrupt the nation. Yet we do not want to do anything about it. Why? The insurance companies do not want this. It will cut into their huge profits. These insurance companies are doing everything to ensure that Obamacare is rejected by Americans. Everyone should have a place to live, food on the table and health insurance — and all the necessities of life. Do not be greedy, look out for your fellow Americans.

DENNIS NASCIMENTO, VIA E-MAIL

Can you have two third parties?

Let us recap: In the debate Romney kind of said he was going to have "growth" policy, give everyone a 20 percent tax cut, repeal Obamacare, create 12 million jobs, put Iran on "notice," tell China something, fire PBS and increase "defense" spending while Obama tried to explain what he did, how things work, how more people will have health insurance with a complicated savings of some $7 billion from one plan into the other and how more jobs are being created rather than lost like in the previous administration. So the choice is very clear: There is a right-wing third party (Gary Johnson) and a left-wing third party candidate (Jill Stein) on the ballot even if neither were invited at the privately financed and tax-exempt commission on presidential debate.

SUZY SANDOR, VIA E-MAIL

Big Bird brings levity to campaigns

Although this Big Bird episode must come to an end now, it did serve to lighten up what so far has been a very long, heavy, cumbersome presidential campaign. It also reinforced the fact that the Republican Party has absolutely no sense of humor.

BOB SIKSO, VIA E-MAIL

Obama selective of who deserves help

Claiming President Obama "agitated" the protestors in Cairo is, to be nice, unfair and to be mean — just flat out verifiably untrue. Those protestors were agitated from years of autocratic rule that oppressed their natural rights. However, when Iranian protestors were challenging the election results that left Ahmedinejad in power in 2009, President Obama, by then a Nobel Prize winner, was silent and did not want to be involved in another nation undergoing a crisis. Why did Obama have no problem supporting the overthrow of a pro-American Egyptian regime but remained neutral in the attempted overthrow of an anti-American Iran? You are correct in criticizing the president, but you are doing it for the wrong reasons.

KEVIN METZ, VIA E-MAIL

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Horoscope

♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** Left to your own devices, you'll perform your tasks quite well. It could be another story, however, if you're pressured into taking on assignments.

♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** When the stakes are quite high, there is no question that you will do what needs to be done with skill. Given minor things to handle, however, and you'll make a hash of things.

♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** There's a good chance that success will be denied you if you don't make allowances for contingencies.

♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** When it comes to issues that you don't know much about, don't take an unyielding position. Should you be challenged, your lack of knowledge could prove embarrassing.

♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** Whatever you do, don't allow yourself to be drawn into the financial morass of a friend who can't manage his or her funds. You're likely to end up paying for this person's mistake.

♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** In order to protect yourself in a joint endeavor you have with another, it's imperative you make your views known right up front, or else decisions might be made that bypass your interests.

♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** Hopefulness and optimism are needed in all of our lives, but you can't leave out realism either. It takes a lot more than just wishful thinking to make things happen the way we want them to.

♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** Accept people for who they are, and not for what they can do for you. If your motives are purely self-serving, it will quickly be perceived and you'll look bad in the eyes of others.

♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** It's not unheard of for family members to pull in different directions, which could happen today. It takes harmony of purpose to get anything done.

♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** Flow with events, instead of resisting changes that others want to make. If you work with them, things will turn out well in the long run.

♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** When it comes to money matters, take nothing for granted. There's a chance you could involve yourself in something that has undisclosed costs.

♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** Although your chart shows you to be a good organizer, this is not so when it comes to delegation. If you give a job to anyone, be sure that he or she has the ability to effectively carry it out. **BERNICE BEDE OSOL**

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14 Tibet's place
15 Bauxite giant
16 Sufficient, in verse
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19 Like most sportscasts
20 Cutting tools
22 River mammal
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29 Ready for the prom
33 Dangerous mosquito
34 Hardly a wallflower
35 — excellence
36 Bear's pad
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22 Curved molding
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25 Linchpin site
26 Loses hair
27 Buy new guns
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31 Palette adjunct
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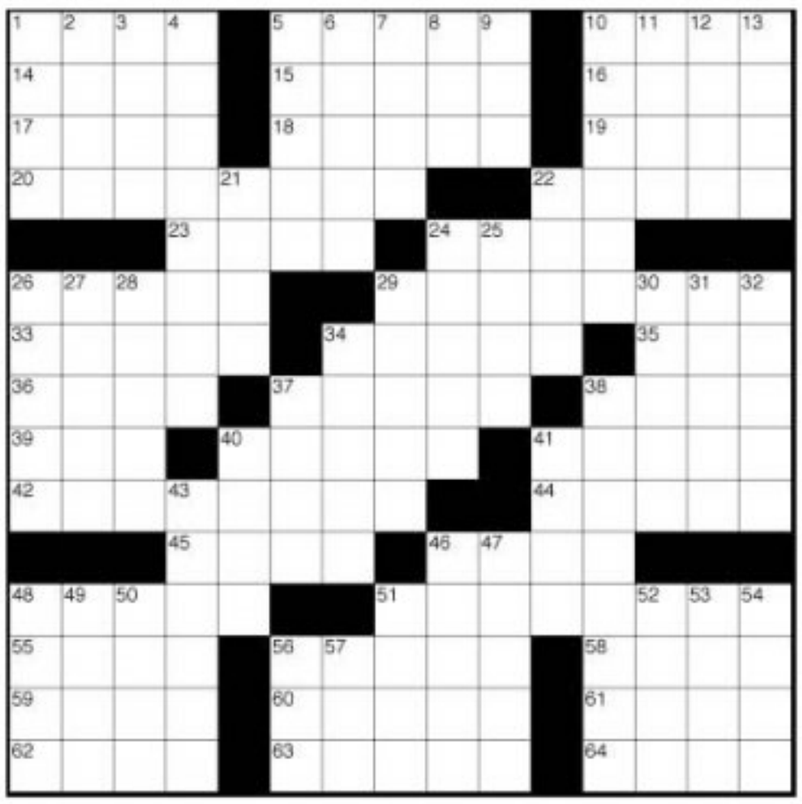

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SUDOKU **LEVEL: HARD**

Solution to yesterday's crossword

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Vick won't talk buying dog for family

Mike Vick was happy to take questions about fumbles, just not ones about dogs.

The Eagles quarterback, who notoriously spent 19 months in jail for abusing dogs, has never been shy about his desire to get a puppy for his family.

Once his probation ended — sometime this past July — he was eligible to get one.

Vick posted a picture on his Twitter account last weekend, which appeared to show Milk-Bone dog biscuits and a chew toy. The photo, first captured by the popular sports blog Crossing Broad, was quickly deleted.

ON TV SUNDAY

Lions at Eagles
1 p.m. (FOX)

When questioned yesterday, Vick indicated that it was a family issue.

"I'm here to strictly talk about football," he said. "What goes on in my personal life is not to be talked about. What's most important right now is the Philadelphia Eagles and getting a win this Sunday."

How about the fumbles?

"It's just a situation that I created for myself, and I definitely have to take care of it."

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▶ Vick

On the mend

Kelce slated for ACL surgery next week

Injured Eagles center Jason Kelce popped his head in the locker room yesterday. He'll undergo surgery on his partially torn ACL next Thursday. He already got an arthroscopic procedure on his torn MCL.

Kelce said he could have played through the pain, but the doctors told him not getting surgery might shorten his career and then cause problems later in his life.

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▶ Babin

Birds D-line speaks of sack record

Don't worry. The sacks are coming.

That's the company line being bandied about down at the NovaCare Complex. There seems to be cause for concern now that the Eagles' defensive line — the same one that led the NFL in sacks last season with 50 — has gone two straight weeks without getting a quarterback. They rank fourth-worst in the league with seven.

"I think we can still go for the [sack] record this year. That's what we're going to do," said Brandon Graham.

By the way, that record is 72 sacks, set by the 1984 Chicago Bears.

The reason for the lack of production is teams chipping them at the line, something that started as a reaction to the Colts' front four.

"A guy like Trent [Cole] and a guy like myself, if you're an offensive coordinator, what do you do?" Jason Babin said. "You look at [Dwight] Freeney and [Robert] Mathis — offensive coordinators realized the same thing with them a few years ago. They're not going to let them run wild."

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Eagles respond to being called cheap shot artists

Defense shrugs off Steelers' comments on dirty play • Admit to being relentless, physical, aggressive • Entire unit playing with nasty edge

First, the Ravens called them dirty. Now, the Steelers are calling them cheap shot artists. "Them" is the Philadelphia Eagles' defense.

That's right, Juan Castillo's much-maligned unit — at least a year ago — has gained quite a reputation over the first five weeks of the 2012 NFL season. Two opponents from the AFC North, known universally as the league's black-and-blue division, are upset at the way the Eagles play defense. Steelers guard Willie Colon said the Birds were targeting Ben Roethlisberger's head.

Yesterday, many in the locker room shrugged it off.

"Any defense is going to want to be relentless, physical, that's what defense is all about," said DeMeco Ryans "It's about playing hard and playing hard to the whistle. … It's about being nasty on defense. That's football."

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▶ Coleman used the old shoe method last Sunday to drag Antonio Brown down.

Kurt Coleman actually ripped off Antonio Brown's cleat Sunday, impeding the Steelers receiver's forward progress as he was speeding to the end zone. Then the safety flung it off the field.

"I really didn't see much dirtiness," said Coleman. "I seen a couple dirty plays, if you really want to go back and forth like that. But it's football. It's between the whistles, it's between the lines, and I really don't think anybody is trying to inflict or cause injury, but we want to set the tone and empower our will on the other team."

Brandon Graham and Roethlisberger got into a heated exchange, after Graham just missed clocking the quarterback on a potential sack. Roethlisberger was visibly upset and started shouting.

"Everybody takes cheap shots, you know. It was an emotional game," Graham said. "We were not really worried about it. Shoot, the game's over, they won the game and we move on to the next one."

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Castillo's unit playing with new attitude

Whether real or perceived, the 2012 Eagles are playing with a noticeable chip on their shoulder. It's a nasty edge that hasn't been displayed since Brian Dawkins was here.

Both Brandon Graham and Kurt Coleman acknowledged the new attitude.

"Absolutely," Coleman said, without flinching. "We take the field with aggression. It's almost with a sense of urgency to get off the field as fast as we can — and whatever we have to do, we're going to do it. It's definitely an entirely different mind-set than what we're used to taking."

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▶ Graham

The reason for the change is twofold. Graham credited the leadership, from the defensive line to the linebackers to the secondary. Coleman cited a frustrating 2011 season for creating a new mind-set.

"Just going through what we went through last year, it really allowed us to understand what our capabilities were but why weren't we achieving really what our full potential was, and I think what it came down to was our mental mind-set, our attitude every time we took the field," Coleman said.

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J-Rich happy to be piece of Sixers pie this season

Three-point specialist not just 'throw-in' player in Bynum deal ◗ New teammates excited to add veteran guard ◗ Likes coaching staff, owners

To many, Jason Richardson was the "other player" acquired in the blockbuster trade for Andrew Bynum.

The Sixers don't view it quite like that. The players believe it was a steal.

"When I heard we got Richardson, I was like, 'Man, that's amazing,'" said guard Evan Turner. "The guy can flat-out shoot. He's one of the best of all-time. How can you not like that addition? I think we all agree that made the Bynum trade even sweeter. We're psyched for the added outside threat."

The 6-foot-6 Richardson was the fifth overall pick by Golden State in 2001. Through the years, he has averaged 17.5 points per game while shooting 37.2-percent from beyond the arc.

From 2004-05 until now, Richardson has drained the second-most 3-pointers of any player in the league (1,238), trailing only Ray Allen (1,441).

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▶ Richardson is the second-best 3-pointer shooter in NBA history. He is shooting 37.2-percent there for his career.

Richardson had a career-best 243 treys for Charlotte in 2007-08, the fourth-most by any player in a single season.

Plain and simple, he can shoot the rock.

"J-Rich is amazing because he'll knock down 20, 25 threes in a row and I've seen it," said Spencer Hawes. "He has incredible form and he's a major asset for our team."

Richardson was thrilled to join an up-and-coming team such as the Sixers, who were one game removed from a trip to the Eastern Conference finals last season.

"I want to help in any way I can," Richardson said. "I like what the coaching staff does and how they work. They know what I can do and I know what they're looking for. I'm very excited to be here with this group of guys. The way I looked at the trade was this: I was very happy to be coming to Philadelphia. I saw what they accomplished last season. They have a plan and they're following through. It's great to be a piece of the pie here."

"I like what the coaching staff does and how they work. They know what I can do and I know what they're looking for."
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Iguodala slams time spent with Sixers in CBS interview

Andre Iguodala is finally clearing the air about his old team. Maybe an Olympic gold medal will help free the mind.

It was in the middle of that Olympic tournament in London that Iguodala was told his services were no longer wanted here in Philadelphia. The Sixers shipped him off to Denver in a three-team deal that netted them the guy they hope to be the new face of the franchise, Andrew Bynum.

Iguodala recalled the moment he heard about the trade to CBSSports.com.

"I'm in warmups, and I'm thinking, 'Where am I going to move? Who's going to send my stuff back? Who's moving with me? When do we play Philly? I can't wait to play them.'"

38%
Iguodala's 3-point percentage in 2011-12, after he claims Doug Collins told him not to shoot threes

Well, he won't have to wait long. Iguodala's Nuggets are slated to play the Sixers Oct. 31 at the Wells Fargo Center.

Whether he should get booed or cheered will light up sports talk radio lines in the coming weeks. Iguodala, much like Donovan McNabb, was never fully embraced by Sixers fans.

Some resented his $80 million contract, quickly pointing out his low scoring average.

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▶ Iguodala can seek his revenge Oct. 31.

Others just thought he was out of touch.

"I haven't really enjoyed basketball a whole lot the last couple of years," Iguodala told CBSSports.com. "Last year was a big year for us, but it was just draining for the criticism to be there every single day."

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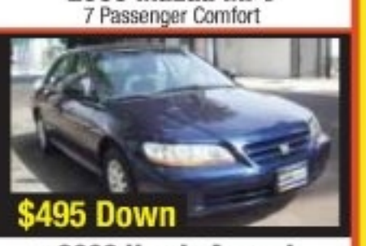
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If we don't look out, NFL running backs are going to start ripping out their ACLs on purpose.

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▶ Rashard Mendenhall, coming off an ACL tear, put on an impressive display in his 2012 debut.

As recently as a few years ago, a knee reconstruction was the worst possible scenario for runners. But this year, they're bucking the trend and performing better than pitchers coming off Tommy John.

Better than ever

Rashard Mendenhall made his 2012 debut in Week 5 and somehow looked better than he did before last year's ACL tear. He was quicker to the edge and showed great burst through small holes. Mendy emerged setback-free and is locked in as a feature back.

Cream is back

Adrian Peterson and **Jamaal Charles** were the league's top-two natural runners before going down with knee tears in 2011. They still are today. And most importantly, their teams aren't holding back workloads.

Green means go

Now that **Cedric Benson** (foot) is out at least eight weeks, the Packers are turning to **Alex Green** as their starter. Green is a 2011 third-round pick that tore his ACL midway through last season. Given what we've seen with backs off knee tears this season, Green is worth owning.

Worth stashing

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▶ Tebow

These guys can help us down the line:

1 **David Wilson, RB, NYG —** Wilson is finally emerging from the doghouse and remains extremely explosive. The Giants prefer to use a committee.

2 **Kenny Britt, WR, TEN —** Britt has turned the corner with his knee and ankle issues. With the Titans' running game inept, he's going to get plenty of chances soon.

3 **Tim Tebow, QB, NYJ —** The Mark Sanchez disaster will be shut down shortly. We know Tebow can be a top-10 fantasy QB thanks to his legs.

NFL pickups

Vick Ballard

RB, Colts
Donald Brown is out for two or three weeks after a knee scope. Ballard, a fifth-round rookie, will handle the early-down and goal-line work.

Jahvid Best

RB, Lions
No one knows if Best will pass his concussion tests this week. But if he does, he'll quickly step in as a Darren Sproles-type back.

William Powell

RB, Cardinals
With Beanie Wells and Ryan Williams out, the Cards are expected to give Powell a crack. He led the NFL in rushing during the preseason.

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Giants beat Reds, force elimination game today

The Giants dug themselves a hole, and they intend to get out.

Following an 8-3 shellacking yesterday against the Reds, the Giants have gained all the momentum. They beat up on fill-in starter Mike Leake to the tune of five runs, including home runs from Angel Pagan and Gregor Blanco.

Barry Zito got the start for San Francisco, but Tim Lincecum picked up the win after coming on in relief and tossing 4 1/3 innings of one-run ball.

The Reds had been up 2-0 in the NLDS series as it shifted to their home turf. Now, it's all tied up.

"They reversed on us what we did to them out there," Reds skipper Dusty Baker said.

Game 5 is today (1:07 p.m.) as Matt Cain gets the ball for the Giants. The Reds are forced to turn to Mat Latos, since ace Johnny Cueto is unavailable after straining a muscle in Game 1 of this series. METRO

MLB. Playoffs

▶ Bryce Harper gets beaten to the bag by Trevor Rosenthal yesterday.

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No Pujols, no problem: Cards up 2-1 in NLDS

Chris Carpenter didn't really care that there hadn't been postseason baseball played in Washington, D.C., since 1933. He just wanted to win. The Cardinals ace tossed six scoreless frames before a trio of relievers finished off an 8-0 victory for St. Louis, who leads the best-of-five NLDS 2-1. Carpenter added two hits in the game as well. But rookie Pete Kozma delivered the key blow, a three-run homer. The series continues today (4:07 p.m.) in D.C., with Kyle Lohse facing the Nats' Ross Detwiler. METRO

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